

UNITED STATES
MARINES



GRADUATION CEREMONY
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC



WELCOME TO MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

PARRIS ISLAND

On behalf of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region, welcome to this morning's graduation ceremony. Today's graduates have earned the title "United States Marine" through hard work, perseverance, and personal sacrifice. While we recognize what they have accomplished, we must also recognize the role you played. Your support and encouragement sustained them, helping them realize their goal of becoming a Marine. Thank you, and welcome to our Marine Corps family!

You're undoubtedly aware that the Marine Corps and our country expect much of your Marine. They are now held to a higher standard; a standard rooted in our core values and embraced during their transformation from civilian to Marine. They have established a solid foundation that will allow them to face life's challenges with confidence, courage, and honor. They have been tested in recruit training and will face greater tests in the future.

This pamphlet provides a brief overview of our core values and the concept of transformation, and provides guidance useful during your new Marine's leave period and for reporting to their next assignment. Please review this information together. You will better understand what your Marine has done, and they will be better prepared for their next stage of training. If you have any questions your Marine cannot answer while home, please contact your local recruiter.

Thank you for entrusting us with your Marine. Together, we, the Marine Corps family, can keep our Marines focused on their mission and purpose. The result will be limitless potential for success in the Marine Corps and in life.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your visit at Parris Island and will take time to tour our Recruit Depot with your Marine. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and safe return home for both you and your Marine.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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ADJUTANT'S CALL

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RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS

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MARINES' HYMN*

FINAL DISMISSAL

*PLEASE RISE



“Some people live their whole lives and wonder if they have made a difference. Marines don’t have that problem.”

President Ronald Reagan

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA**

12 January 18

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER Colonel J. M. Barnett
SERGEANT MAJOR Sergeant Major P. T. Davis

3rd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER Lieutenant Colonel J. T. Lowery
SERGEANT MAJOR Sergeant Major O. A. Leavy

Commander of Troops
First Sergeant J. D. Sanders

Parade Adjutant
Gunnery Sergeant N. A. Granter

Company "K", 3rd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER Captain S. R. Houghtling
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT First Sergeant J. D. Sanders
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER Captain R. S. Johnson
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR Staff Sergeant M. A. Manzke
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER Captain T. D. Snody
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR Staff Sergeant K. Madison

Drill Masters
Staff Sergeant N. S. Miller

Chaplain
Lieutenant C. A. Woodard, USN

Color Guard

Sergeant E. E. Medina Sergeant R. D. Grate Jr.
Sergeant D. W. Losacano Sergeant J. M. Rodgers

PLATOON 3000

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. Aranda
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. E. Long
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. T. Parker
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt W. R. Carrasquillo



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC T. M. Wiley
HOMETOWN.....	Newark, NJ
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Chester

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC M. D. Hooks (328)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Colyard

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. L. Walker (589)
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Pvt Adams, B. C.	PFC Hall, H. A.	PFC Niemonen, T. J.
PFC Alvarez, A. D.	PFC Hastings, L. M.	Pvt Pappas, J. S.
Pvt Arreola, J.	Pvt Hayes, J. D.	PFC Partridge, R. C.
Pvt Babic, C. J.	PFC Haynes, D. G.	Pvt Phillips, C. D.
PFC Baker III, G. L.	PFC Heinzeschaul, D. M.	Pvt Plumley, A. S.
Pvt Barrerarodriguez, A. E.	Pvt Hendershot, C. T.	PFC Polatty, J. A.
PFC Bertsch Jr., J. W.	Pvt Heuer, M. R.	Pvt Reason, T. D.
Pvt Brown, A. E.	PFC Holden Jr., M. A.	Pvt Rose, C. B.
Pvt Bullington, E. C.	PFC Hooks Jr., M. D.	PFC Salas, B. J.
Pvt Charles, N. G.	PFC Johnson, J. D.	Pvt Skipper, D. M.
Pvt Claudio, M. R.	Pvt Kelley, K. B.	Pvt Sottile, M.
Pvt Coates, Z. E.	PFC Kilbreth, K. J.	Pvt Sutton, T. M.
PFC Coney, J. W.	PFC Kimber, X. M.*	PFC Swaenepoel, M. J.
PFC Cuetopaulino, J. D.	PFC Kurts, J. P.	PFC Taylor, K. J.
Pvt Davis, I. G.	Pvt Labar, M. A.	PFC Varlich, B. C.
Pvt Delage, D. R.	PFC Ledford, J. C.	Pvt Walker, I. D.
Pvt Deryke, J. J.	Pvt Lee, E. A.	PFC Walker, J. L.*
Pvt Dilorenzo, J. S.	PFC Lewis, L. M.*	Pvt Wallace, C. N.
Pvt Dolan, J. D.	Pvt Locklear, J. K.	Pvt Wallace, X. M.
Pvt Dominion, K. J.	Pvt Lowe, A. B.	PFC Weaver, J. R.
Pvt Eades, A. T.	Pvt Maddox, R. B.	PFC White, T. J.
PFC Eason, H. S.	PFC Marsengill, B. D.	PFC Wiley, T. M.*
PFC Easterling, D. J.	PFC Marsh, A. L.	Pvt Wright, B.
PFC Edwards, J. C.	Pvt Martellgarriga, C. D.	
Pvt Evans, J. R.	PFC Martin, R. L.	
PFC Garrett, J. A.	Pvt McBride, C. D.	
PFC Gaylord, D. R.	Pvt McElhaney Jr., T. W.	
Pvt Gilbert, J. F.	PFC McLean, T. J.	
Pvt Gilliam, D. A.	Pvt Milligan, J. T.	
PFC Graham, R. V.	PFC Morris, T. I.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 3001

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. B. Hart
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt P. D. Johnis
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. E. Shedd



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC S. B. Clark
HOMETOWN.....	Pace, FL
RECRUITED BY	SSgt Salter
PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt C. J. Theis (329)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Dean
COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC S. B. Clark (600)

Pvt Adams, G. L.	Pvt Gamez, J. R.	PFC Roberson, J. M.
Pvt Alexander, A. O.	Pvt Garrett, L. W.	Pvt Rogers, A. T.
Pvt Andino, M. S.	Pvt Garrigan, C. P.	Pvt Rosa, L. C.
Pvt Bagundol, D. L.	Pvt Geisel, E. P.	Pvt Roslewicz III, R. L.
PFC Barron, J. T.	Pvt Hall III, D. A.	PFC Ryan Jr., S. E.
Pvt Bejarano Jr., J.	PFC Harmer, Z. R.	Pvt Salmons, C. S.
PFC Bellopede, J. M.	PFC Hoover Jr., C. H. *	Pvt Saul, C. A.
PFC Bottari, J. F.	PFC Huffman, C. C	Pvt Serrano, A. E.
PFC Bowers, L. R.	Pvt Johns, J. B.	PFC Sheehan, P. J.
PFC Bryan, K. H.	Pvt Johnson, C. A.	Pvt Smith, K. V.
Pvt Cammarono, C. A.	Pvt Kalinoski, J. E.	Pvt Spirito, N. P.
PFC Causilbaggott, A.*	PFC Kean, D. F.	PFC Starus, T.
Pvt Chique, J. M.	PFC Kennedy III, J.	PFC Stengel, B. L.
Pvt Cinkowski Jr., K. M.	Pvt Kent, W. E.	PFC Stenson, K. M.
PFC Clark, S. B. *	Pvt Kiser Jr., J. K.	Pvt Stevens, J. L.
Pvt Colten, E. S.	Pvt Knighton, T. S.	Pvt Stipetich, C. G.
Pvt Cox, J. R.	Pvt Lamont, J. A.	Pvt Theis, C. J.
Pvt Crawford, A. A.	Pvt Lemke, D. L.	PFC Vargas, J. J.
Pvt Crosley, P. C.	PFC Lofton, D. M.	PFC Ward, R. M.
Pvt Cubillos, K.	Pvt Lucas, T. I.	Pvt Watts, C. O.
PFC Delgado, J. A.	PFC Magby, J. B.	Pvt Wheeler, N. J.
PFC Deoliveira, L. S.	PFC Mihalko, J. E.	Pvt Williams, D. T.
Pvt Dover, J. T.	PFC Norton, T. J. *	Pvt Wilson, W. T.
PFC Duran, L. A.	Pvt Paden, R. I.	
PFC Erbrick III, J. T.	PFC Patterson, R. E.	
PFC Farr, D. C. *	PFC Pereira, C. D.	
Pvt Flores, K.	PFC Phan, C. N.	
Pvt Fragale, L. J.	PFC Quitoflores, C. J.	
Pvt Franklin, C. D.	Pvt Reynolds, B. J.	
PFC Fuqua, J. A.	PFC Ridener, J. K. *	

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PLATOON 3002

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt J. D. Raphael
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt D. A. Lopez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt B. S. Medina
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt J. C. Dye



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE	PFC C. A. Pivar
HOMETOWN	Naples, FL
RECRUITED BY	Sgt Maya

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER	Pvt J. G. Perrine (335)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR	Sgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT	PFC J. Medel (596)
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PFC Borchert II, S. K.	Pvt Johnson, J. A.	Pvt Roberts III, D. S.
Pvt Boyette, L. A.	Pvt Jordan, D. M.	PFC Rosencrantz, S. J.
Pvt Boykin, D. A.	PFC Keairnes, B. B.	Pvt Sabaliauskas, M.
Pvt Boyle, K. P.	Pvt Koncz, R. L.	Pvt Santoscruz, E. R.
Pvt Burgess, I. D.	Pvt Labrador, N. S.	PFC Seaman, J. R.
Pvt Byrd, A. M.	Pvt Lindgren, A. J.	Pvt Sheikh, A.
Pvt Carino, D. E.	Pvt Macleod, J. L.	PFC Shields, D. P.
PFC Chavarria, G. M*	Pvt Madonna, C. O.	Pvt Stewart, D. D.
Pvt Coleman, J. C.	PFC Maltos, J. R.	PFC Suarez, G. E.
PFC Daigle, N. H.	PFC Martinezreyes, J. R.	Pvt Toner, A. S.
PFC Davis, R. N.	PFC Mccutchen, J. L.	PFC Vaughan III, M. L.*
PFC Davis, K. X.	PFC Medel, J.	PFC Vazquez, J.
PFC Deboeser, I. T.	Pvt Miller, D. I.	Pvt Ventour II, T. M.
PFC Diazgardana, R.	PFC Monica, M. C.	Pvt Vogelsong, O. W.
Pvt Disharoon, K. D.	Pvt Mossholder, J. L.	Pvt Voirol, J. M.
PFC Doughty, B. M.	PFC Noel, M.	Pvt Warratay, M.
PFC Driver, B. R.	Pvt Pak, H. L.	PFC Zapatacorrea, J. J.
PFC Faulk, D. R.	PFC Parks, N. T.	
PFC Folks, K. R.*	PFC Pegram, B. L.	
PFC Francisco, E.	Pvt Pena, J. G.	
PFC Franz, W. C.	Pvt Perrine, J. G.	
PFC Frederick Jr., M. J.	Pvt Pierce, D. A.	
PFC Freeman, K. J.	Pvt Pines, B. I.	
Pvt Gilson, J. W.	PFC Pivar, C. A.	
PFC Hartzler, N. J.	PFC Pridgen III, J. W.	
Pvt Hawili, O.	PFC Reterstoff, S. A.	
Pvt Hay Jr., P. L.	Pvt Rivera, A.	
PFC Hickman, J. R.	PFC Riveron, C.	
Pvt Horne, Z. T.	PFC Riveron, K.*	
Pvt Jackson, D. W.	PFC Roberts, M. J.	

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PLATOON 3004

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A.B. Cantrell
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. D. Rodriguez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt T. J. Benson



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC M. A. Thomas
HOMETOWN.....	Dayton, OH
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Winterstein

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt A. K. Wooten (330)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Tackett

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC E. P. Balles (595)
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PFC Abel, J.W.	Pvt Gnapi, J.	PFC Patton, C. M.
Pvt Andrews, O. R.	PFC Hagerty IV, D. S.	Pvt Pellegrino, C. A.
PFC Arender, T. L.	Pvt Hall, J. C.	Pvt Pirooz, N. A.
Pvt Arzu, K. M.	Pvt Harris, W. A.	PFC Rease, C. A. *
Pvt Baldwin, L. S.	Pvt Heishman, L. S.	Pvt Riggs, D. T.
PFC Balles, E. P. *	Pvt Hilliard, J. A.	Pvt Robben, I. J.
Pvt Barlowe, T. J.	Pvt Hilts, C. A.	PFC Roberts, C. T.
Pvt Baumler, B. R.	PFC Hinton Jr., Brian	Pvt Rodriguez, M. A.
Pvt Belanger, B. J.	PFC Jackson, A. C.	Pvt Rollins, G. A.
Pvt Binion, M. T.	Pvt Jewitt, A. T.	Pvt Rossi, N. S.
PFC Borne, C. J.	PFC Johansen, J. A.	Pvt Scales, T. S.
Pvt Broussard, C. J.	PFC Johnson, J. J.	Pvt Schnell, K. J.
Pvt Broussard, E. G.	Pvt King, N. M.	PFC Seymour, C. W.
Pvt Casiano, A. Z.	Pvt Kubiak, D. M.	PFC Soderstrom, A. K.
Pvt Chambers III, L.	PFC Lamb, H. E. *	Pvt Sutch, J. M.
Pvt Click, C. W.	Pvt Lawrence, B. G.	Pvt Teal, S. C.
PFC Cordle, J. A.	Pvt Lazare, G. T.	PFC Thomas, M. A. *
PFC Crawford IV, R. T.	PFC Leclerc, A. M.	Pvt Vanpetten, C. B.
PFC Curtis, J. D.	Pvt Lejeune, D. P.	Pvt Walker Jr., J. J.
PFC Daniel, J. K.	Pvt Logan, J. D.	Pvt White Jr., E. N.
PFC Davis, A. M.	Pvt Luke Jr., L. J.	Pvt Williams, H. C.
Pvt Delaney Jr., R. D.	Pvt Martinez, D.	Pvt Wooten, A. K.
Pvt Depaula, S. A.	Pvt McGuire, B. M.	
PFC Dietzler, A. R.	Pvt Melbert, C.	
Pvt Duffren, C. M.	Pvt Moak, G. J.	
Pvt Figueroaramos, A. E.	Pvt Munafa, A. R.	
PFC Gallishaw, T. T.	Pvt Odahara Jr., J. K.	
PFC Gallishaw, T. M.	PFC Ortizdiaz, G.	
Pvt Gardner, G. B.	Pvt Ortizmorales, S. S.	
Pvt Gilreath, A. V.	Pvt Outten, T. G.	

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PLATOON 3005

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	GySgt A. W. Brown
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt R. D. King
DRILL INSTRUCTOR	Sgt F. Ruiz



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE	PFC T. C. Wildfong
HOMETOWN	Grand Rapids, MI
RECRUITED BY	SSgt Clarke

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	Pvt. J. M. Skarsvog (315)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR	Sgt Lathem

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT	PFC T. C. Wildfong (599)
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Pvt Aguilar-Fernandez, S. D.	Pvt Gorgonio-Ramirez, J. C.	Pvt Perez-Molina, J. J.
Pvt Awni, O. F.	Pvt Grubb, Brandon L.	Pvt Phillips, F. R.
Pvt Bache, A. G.	Pvt Hardenfelder, G. R.	Pvt Pino, D.
PFC Baldivieso-Alpire, R. A.	Pvt Harrington, S. M.	Pvt Porter, T. H.
Pvt Baldwin, T. E.	Pvt Hidey, T. A.	Pvt Preveau, O.
PFC Bean, J. M.	Pvt Holland, E. P.	PFC Ratliff, T. J.
Pvt Beecherl, R. T.	Pvt Howey, E. A.	PFC Riche, A. A.
PFC Binyame, B. R.	PFC Jackson, C. M.*	Pvt Rivera Jr., J. A.
PFC Bokun, B. M.	PFC Kay, N. C.	PFC Robinson, B. D.*
Pvt Borgelt, D. J.	Pvt Kibler, J. J.	Pvt Robison, E. J.
Pvt Cardona, J. P.	Pvt Klimkosky, J. C.	Pvt Rowe Jr., M. J.
Pvt Cataloni, D. F.	PFC Kotong, D. A. *	Pvt Sacha, A. J.
Pvt Caupp, T. B.	Pvt Kourouma, B.	Pvt Skarsvog, J. M.
PFC Chojnacki, A. R.	PFC Lace, W. D.	Pvt Sluder, T. M.
Pvt Cordova-Samayoa, C.	Pvt Lamond, C. P.	PFC Steinmann, J. R.*
PFC Cote, T. J.	Pvt Leach, E. M.	Pvt Stewart, L. K.
Pvt Coulter, C. J.	PFC Leduc, P. C.	Pvt Tarnagorski Jr., T. A.
Pvt Dantes, A. D.	Pvt Littleton, I. M.	Pvt Tharin, James T.
PFC Delvalle, J. J.	Pvt Maier, J. M.	PFC Thompson Jr., D. D.
Pvt Dennis, E. P.	Pvt Mallon, S. O.	Pvt Thompson, R. D.
PFC Dixson, J. I.	Pvt Manuel, J. D.	PFC Watson, T. T.
PFC Embry, C. H.	Pvt Matthews, G. T.	PFC Webb, B. C.
Pvt Englet, N. R.	PFC McDonald, M. J.	PFC Wildfong, T. C. *
PFC Ernst, B. J.	Pvt Menard, Z. E.	Pvt Winkowski, D. E.
Pvt Essayan, S. G.	PFC Modrowsky, S. P.	Pvt York, D. C.
PFC Evilsizor, A. R.*	Pvt Morrow, B. T.	
Pvt Foley, S. M.	PFC O'connor IV, P. J.	
PFC Ford, J. R.	Pvt Paige, M. T.	
Pvt Freeman, D. A.	Pvt Pantalone, J. J.	
Pvt Gentile, J. D.	Pvt Patino, B. G.	

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PLATOON 3006

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. Rejment
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. W. Castro
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt R. M. Ramirez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. C. Goodman



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC V. L. Coakley
HOMETOWN.....	Kalamzoo, MI
RECRUITED BY	Sgt Butler

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC A. T. George (332)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Hart

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC N. M. Haughery (594)
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Pvt Andree, C. W.	Pvt Jones, G. S.	Pvt Santiago, G. D.
PFC Arahill, C. E.	Pvt Kingalarcon, E.	Pvt Smith, A. T.
Pvt Atischand, O.	Pvt Koon, M. M.	Pvt Snider, T. P.
PFC Baker, B. W.*	Pvt Ledbetter Jr., S. G.	Pvt Specht, J. L.
PFC Ballantyne, N. T.*	PFC Leeds, A. J.	Pvt Stauch, T. R.
Pvt Baumgardner, E. B.	Pvt Maglione, N. G.	Pvt Sukiam, J. C.
Pvt Berkheimer, S. G.	Pvt Mangus, N. M.	PFC Sutton, M. S.
Pvt Brannon, N. B.	PFC Martin, J. M.	Pvt Swords, J. M.
Pvt Browning, T. W.	Pvt Mattox, C. N.	Pvt Teat, J. J.
PFC Coakley III, V. L.	PFC May, J. T.	PFC Thibodeaux, A. G.*
PFC Delgadogallardo, L. J.	Pvt Mcdonough, R. J.	Pvt Trevino, J. N.
Pvt Delige, J. C.	PFC McIntosh Jr., M. S.	Pvt Ulbrich, E.
Pvt Dietz, A. C.	Pvt Mclemore, T.	PFC Vanpelt, R. M.
Pvt Dipietro, K. W.	PFC Mcsherry, M. R.	PFC Vargastorres, P. A.
Pvt Dixon, D. R.	Pvt Meyers, C. J.	PFC Wentworth, H. R.
PFC Doetsch, B. R.	Pvt Mojarieta, Y.	PFC Wilcher, J. H.
Pvt Durham, J. L.	Pvt Morrison, C. W.	PFC Williams, P. J.
Pvt Escobarsanchez, M. A.	Pvt Natsuyama, D. M.	Pvt Yanulis, J. C.
Pvt Featherston, S. G.	Pvt Orellanaillescas, J. M.	Pvt Yoesting, J. D.
Pvt Fernandez, R. A.	Pvt Oswalt, J. C.	
PFC Fletcher, N. D.	PFC Pacheco, J. L.	
PFC Foraker, M. A.*	PFC Pepe, V. J.	
PFC Garcianabegas, F. A.	Pvt Perry, M.	
PFC George, A. T.	PFC Porch, E. W.	
Pvt Grant, N. S.	PFC Prinstil, A.	
Pvt Hackett, M. A.	PFC Ramos, J. I.	
PFC Haughery, N. M.*	Pvt Raygozaalvarez, C.	
Pvt Hubbard, J. A.	PFC Reyes, M. A.	
PFC Hynes, G. K.	Pvt Rodriguez, J.	
PFC Jenkins, J. J.	Pvt Rubin, A. N.	

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TRANSFORMATION



The Marine Corps makes Marines and wins battles. We consider these two activities to be inextricably linked, and believe the individual Marine decides the outcome of any conflict or military action despite constant advances in battlefield technology.

Today, Marines are committed across the globe to operations as diverse as guarding American diplomatic missions, providing disaster relief, and conducting combat operations. Thousands more remain forward deployed, ready to secure our nations' interest on short notice.

Operating successfully in such diverse and complex operating environments is challenging, but these challenges are not new. Marines have faced, and overcome, similar challenges throughout history. To ensure our future success, we looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, and Fallujah. We found that strong character and a fighting spirit rooted in core values were essential to our past success. Developing strength of character and instilling these core values is the essence of what we call "transformation."



THE TRANSFORMATION LIFECYCLE



The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

Transformation accelerates during boot camp, where Drill Instructors remain the key to making Marines. Drill Instructors transform recruits into basic Marines through intense, demanding training including close order



drill, physical fitness, academics, combat water survival, close combat, and marksmanship. They instruct, mentor and lead recruits, exemplifying Core Values in all they do. Their efforts culminate during the 11th week of training in the Crucible, a grueling 54-hour evaluation of physical, mental, and moral fitness emphasizing selflessness and teamwork.

Transformation is sustained and reinforced throughout each Marine's period of service while assigned to operating units, where teamwork and commitment are essential to success. Regular training and individual mentorship support the continued development of each Marine. Additionally, required formal courses of Professional Military Education emphasize further development of character and core values.



Ultimately, we seek to return transformed Americans home to strengthen our society at the completion of their service. The Corps is known for making Marines who leave active duty to become strong leaders in the community. These Marines demonstrate the lasting value of strength of character based on our core values.



U.S. MARINE CORPS CORE VALUES

Generations of American men and women have given special meaning to the term United States Marine by their performance on and off the battlefield. Feared by enemies, respected by allies, and loved by the American people, Marines are a “special breed.” This reputation was gained and is maintained by adhering to a set of enduring core values, the guiding beliefs and principles that give us strength, influence our attitudes, and regulate our behavior. Our Core Values are:

HONOR

The quality that guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; to have respect and concern for each other. The quality of maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commits Marines to act responsibly; to fulfill obligations; to be accountable for actions and to hold others accountable for their actions.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines to carry them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear; to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

The spirit of determination that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It leads to the highest order of discipline for unit and self; enabling 24-hour-a-day dedication to Corps and Country; pride; concern for others; and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.

GUIDANCE FOR NEW MARINES

As one of our Corps' newest Marines, you will normally travel to your home of record for 10 days of well earned "boot leave" prior to reporting for follow-on training at the School of Infantry. While home on leave, take the time to rest and re-connect with your Marine family and friends. Stay true to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Maintain your physical fitness, and remain safe in day-to-day activities. Use this time to rest, reflect upon the commitment you have made to our Corps and nation, and prepare for your next phase of training. I encourage you to contact your recruiter and assist them in selecting qualified candidates for enlistment.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

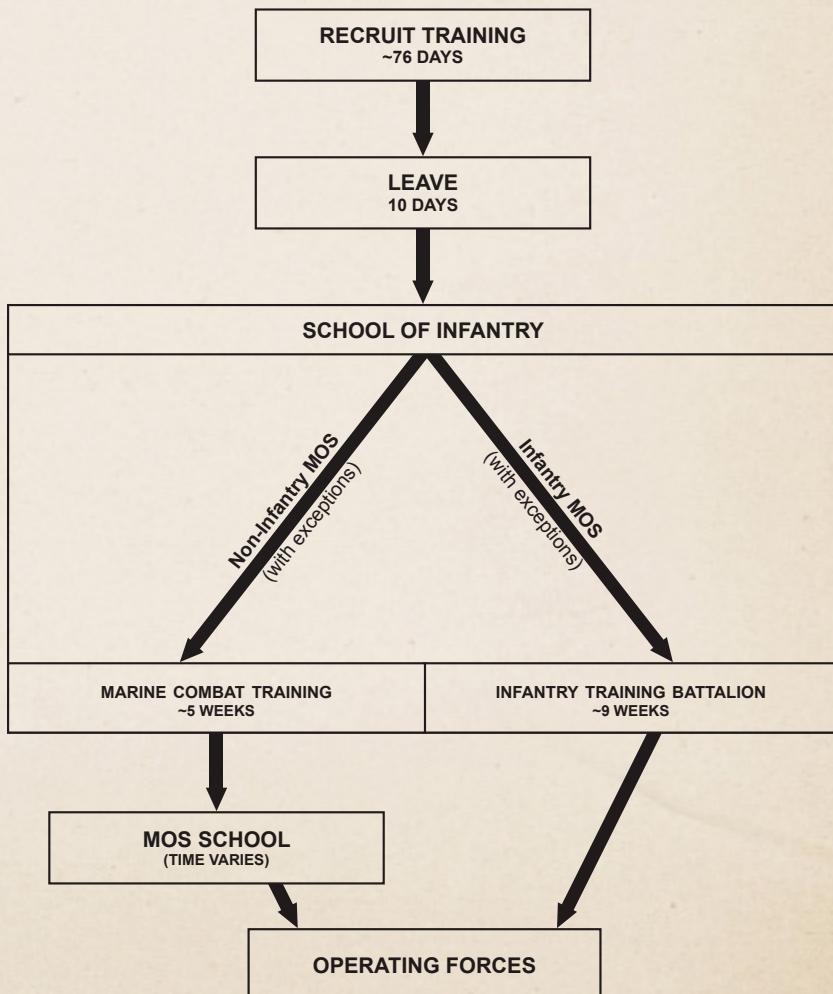
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ENTRY-LEVEL TRAINING OVERVIEW

The chart below outlines the basic entry level training progression for new Marines, from recruit training, through the School of Infantry, and on to the Operating Forces. Most Marines assigned non-infantry Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) will complete Marine Combat Training while at the School of Infantry, followed by their MOS school. Some assigned non-infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion in lieu of Marine Combat Training, followed by their MOS school. Those assigned infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion.



MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Marines are eligible to earn meritorious promotions to the next higher rank by referring qualified applicants for enlistment to their recruiter.

- A private needs only one referral for promotion to private first class. In addition to increased authority and responsibility, this promotion will increase the Marine's pay more than \$150 per month.
- A private first class requires only two referrals for promotion to lance corporal. This promotion will increase the Marine's pay by over \$75 per month and will provide the Marine an even greater opportunity to demonstrate his or her leadership and professionalism.

SCHOOL OF INFANTRY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Report to the Commanding Officer, School of Infantry-East. The uniform for reporting to the School of Infantry-East is the Service "A" uniform.
- Pack two full sets of utilities (one green digital and one desert digital), boots and hygiene kit in your carry-on bag.
- Carry your ID card, ID tags, orders, SRB and medical/dental records in your carry-on bag.
- Bring all Marine Corps issued clothing and equipment.
- Wear appropriate civilian attire while traveling between your leave address and the School of Infantry-East.
- If you need immediate assistance while you are on leave, contact your recruiter.
- The contact information for the School of Infantry-East at Camp Geiger, North Carolina is Student Administration at (910) 449-0441/0442/0443. During non-working hours (1700-0700 Monday-Friday, weekends, and holidays), call the Officer of the Day at (910) 449-0179.
- The School of Infantry-East website contains additional information. The address is <http://www.tecom.marines.mil/soieast/unithome.aspx>



Review photos from today's graduation at the official Parris Island Facebook page.
<http://www.facebook.com/ParrisIsland>

MARINES' HYMN

From the halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
OF UNITED STATES MARINE.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And have never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
BY UNITED STATES MARINES.



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